

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Mitchel (Mitchell) R7280      Margaret Mitchell      f54NC  
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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North Carolina Iredell County

On this 5 day of September 1832 personally appeared before me James Campbell a justice of the peace in and for the County & State aforesaid James Mitchell a resident of said County aged 73 years and who I certify from his age and infirmities he is unable to attend at the Court of said County and who being first sworn according to law doth upon his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was drafted and served a tour of duty of six months guarding Cross Creek the place where Fayetteville now stands. The Capt. under whom he served was Micajah Bullock. That after Gates was defeated [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] he Served a tour of three months under Capt. Gilliam [William Gilliam] commanded by Col. William Moore was marched to the Army under General Greene [Nathanael Greene] this tour was performed near the Catawba between Charlotte & Camden. That afterwards he served a tour of one month under Capt. Francis Thornton guarding Mouleys Ferry on Roan oak [sic, Roanoke] River. That he volunteered one month under Capt. Satterwhite [Thomas Satterwhite] & Col. Taylor [Joseph Taylor], and was employed in marching after the Tories from Hillsborough to Cross Creek and thence towards Wilmington. This was his first tour and the only one in which he volunteered in all the other tours he was drafted.

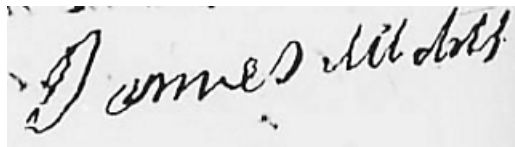
That he was born in Granville County NC in the year 1758. He has no record of his age, Lived in ~~Granville~~ at the time he entered the Service at the time peace was made he lived in Warren County & about thirty years ago he moved to Iredell. He has no documentary evidence of his Service and has no testimony that he cannot at this time procure that he knows of except what is stated below by which he can prove his services.

And I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and do certify that my name is not on the pension or law of the agency of any State.

Sworn & Subscribed before me this fifth day of September 1832

S/ J. Campbell, JP

S/ James Mitchell

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Mitchell", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[George Flowers & Robert Allen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Iredell County

This day came James Mitchell before me and made oath that to the best of his recollection the tour of duty under Capt. Saterwhite and Col. Taylor marching after the Tories from Hillsboro to Cross Creek and thence towards Wilmington the Tories had been defeated under McLeod by Caswell [Richard Caswell] as he thinks before deponent and the Corps in which he served overtook them.

That the six months tour was performed afterwards in the same year he being drafted and serving under Capt. Bullock. He knows of no superior officer as Capt. Bullock was the highest officer in command, the object was to guard the place and prevent the Tories from rising.

That the tour of three months under Capt. Gilliam was performed the same year, after Gates defeat.

The guarding of Moseley's and Eskin [?] ferries was performed after Cornwallis had passed into Virginia and before he was taken.

He was born in Granville County in the year 1758.

Has no record of his age.

Was living in Granville during the time of his in ring the service.

Was a volunteer the first tour, & afterwards was always drafted.

In the last tour mentioned above he served in the Army commanded by General Greene, and frequently saw Cols. Washington & Lee of the light horse

Does not recollect to have received any discharges.

Has referred to George Flowers & Robert Allen.

Sworn & subscribed may 16th 1833 before

S/ J. Campbell, JP

S/ James Mitchell

[p 10: On March 24, 1843 in Person County North Carolina, Margaret Mitchell, 80, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of James Mitchel; "That he belonged to a volunteer Regiment that was raised in Granville Court house in this State: that he served a tour of six months in said Regiment or nearly so, and another tour of three months at a subsequent period on Roanoke River fishing for the American Army; The first tour of service was nearly ended when he hired a substitute and came home; she has heard her late husband say repeatedly that from the time of hiring to the expiration of the term of this term of service was only about two weeks. This volunteer Regiment was commanded by Col. Archibald Leightle (or Lytle) [Archibald Lytle] and she believes his Capt. one Greenwood [William Greenwood] they march to from Granville Court house to Hillsborough & from thence to Greensborough from thence to Salisbury to Mecklenburg Court house and from thence into South Carolina she has heard him say he was in the battle fought at the Widow Tarence's [sic, Torrence] Lane, known by some as the battle of Catawba. She is of opinion that in addition to the three months phishing service that he served a third tour of three months in the State of Georgia under Col. Thomas Farmer for she has often heard him speak of serving under him. The three months service on Roanoke was rendered at Col. Munford's and one Capt. Bennett [Peter Bennett] commanded the party. She believes his first tour was served in 1778 or 1779 and the two last a year or two after, but of the dates she cannot be certain. She further he declares that she was married to the said James Mitchel by Thomas Arnett Esquire on the 31st day of January 1789 and that he the said Mitchel died in August 1841." She signed her application with her mark.]

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State of North Carolina Person County:

On this 24th day of July 1843 personally appeared before us John W. Jones and Jesse Munday two of the justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the County aforesaid John Long,<sup>1</sup> a resident of said County aged seventy-nine years a resident of said County and a revolutionary soldier who being first duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath state that he was well acquainted with James Mitchel late of this County who was a revolutionary soldier and the husband [of] Margaret Mitchell of the County aforesaid who as he understands is an applicant for a pension; that he knew the said James Mitchel in the time of the revolutionary war; that they were both together in one campaign and were at the battle at the widow Torrence's lane,<sup>2</sup> the battle in which General Divison [sic, William Lee Davidson] was killed. He further states that since the revolutionary war he and the said Mitchel lived for many years in the immediate neighborhood of each other that they often met and conversed of the incidents of the war and that as far as he knew or had the means of judging the statements of said Mitchel were correct and that he is therefore compelled to credit the statements made by said Mitchel that he the said Mitchel did serve a tour of six months under Col. Leightle [Lytle] and a tour of three months under Col. Thomas Farmer and a tour of three months under Col. Munford fishing for the American Army on the Roanoke River. He also states that he knows the said James Mitchel died in August 1841 and that he was a man of strict veracity.

S/ John Long, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before

S/ Jesse Munday, JP

S/ J. H. Jones, JP

day and date as above written

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State of North Carolina Person County:

On this fourth day of April 1844 personally appeared before me Thomas J. Farrar a justice of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the County above named John Wilkerson<sup>3</sup> aged 84 years, a resident of said County and a revolutionary pensioner who being first duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath state that he was well acquainted with James Mitchel formerly of Granville County in this State and late of this County, the husband of Margaret Mitchel, who he understands is an applicant for a pension; that he and the said James Mitchel enlisted and served at least a part of the time in the same Company and Regiment, that the Company to which they belong was commanded by Capt. Richard Taylor of Granville County and that the Regiment was commanded by Col. Arch<sup>d</sup> Leightle or Lytle, he further states that they march from Granville Court-House together. That after they had been out upon service for some length of time the said Mitchel got a substitute and returned home. But where they were or at what time the said Mitchel left them he has now entirely forgot, But of the fact of enlistment and being in the service he has a distinct recollection.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and date above written before

S/ Thos. J. Farrar, JP

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<sup>1</sup> [John Long R6429](#)

<sup>2</sup> Sic, Gen. Davidson was killed on February 1, 1781 at the Battle of Cowan's Ford. His troops retreated from that battle to the Widow Torrence's Tavern and were there defeated again.

[http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_cowans\\_ford.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cowans_ford.html) &

[http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_tarrants\\_tavern.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_tarrants_tavern.html)

<sup>3</sup> [John Wilkerson W26042](#)

S/ John Wilkerson, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the North Carolina militia.]

[p 41: This file also contains the following certification which obviously does not apply to this James Mitchell:

State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears by the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary War, that James Mitchell a private Soldier of said line in Captain Bradley's [George "Gee" Bradley's] Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment, enlisted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1779 for the term of 18 months.

Given under my hand this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 1843

S/ Wm Hill]